New York 12 June 1830 — My dear Mrs Child
— My faith in you is so strong that I do
not apprehend to be coldly received though
it is very long since we have had any
communication — For my own part
I can say that my intetest in you —
all your concerns has been & is,
unabated — that I have rejoiced in
all your prosperity — & felt something
like an elder sisters interest in you
& yours — I hope some day or other
to know more of you from personal
intercourse and to be made acquainted
with your husband of whom I have
received from my brother Theodore
as well as from many an honora-
ble report the most favorable im-
pressions — I have been surprised
to meet you in a new department
of writing — But your condescension — y
condescension it can be called to do that
which increases the means & multiplies
the common comforts of life — has been
graceful & successful — Who is it that says
well & truly that he is a benefactor of
his species who makes two blades of grass
where but one grew before?

I trust you have not forsaken the department for which the rich gifts of nature so eminently qualify you — I am not just now at all in love with novel-writing. but when I look at the fine productions of others I think what a romance may be made a fortunate vehicle for the highest communications of one mind to another —

I send you my book — I am just now heart sick about it — It appeared before the public yesterday — of course I have not heard a single opinion & have as yet nothing to reassure the courage that is drooping under the first discovery of the now irretrievable errors of the press & my own blunders — I had a new printer — ignorant & careless workmen & their constant dilatoriness made me give up revises, which I believe are essential to the correct printing of a book — — All this & a great deal more I cannot tell the public & I feel just now pretty much as I should if I were walking through Broad-way with holes in the heels of my stockings

I know you will receive me with
all the kindness you can - for
I have always found you most
generous & indulgent —
My regards to your husband
& believe me your
truly Cath Edgeworth

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Miss Child's Seed Mark
From L. M. Child
New York

Lupine
Pink
Rose
Sweet Willie
Larkspur
Balsam
Marigold
Geranium
Hollyhock
Foxglove
Lilly
Althea
Lilac
Ragged Robin
Heart's Ease
Chinaster
Poppy
Heath
Tulip

C. Ingham. N. A. Pinx.t G. Parker. Sculp.t

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